

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in view of the above-referenced Office Action, and reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability of claims 1-16 and the suggestion as to amendments secure allowance for the remainder of the pending claims (those not withdrawn).

Regarding the Claim Objection

Applicant has amended claim 58 to correct the error noted by the Examiner.

Regarding the Claim Amendments

Applicants have reviewed the rejections presented in the present Office Action (a fourth after pre-appeal brief conference and after Appeal Brief).

Applicants have gladly taken the Examiner's suggestion for amendments and has amended independent claims 17, 34, 58, 66, 76, 90 and 91 to insert reference to the Set-Top Box and location of the Main Circuit Board, modem, and managed component within the body of the claim thereby "breathing life" into the preamble.

In view of these amendments, all claims are clearly in condition for allowance. Hence, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested at an early date.

Regarding the Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

While Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner, Applicants do not believe such amendments are necessary to distinguish over the cited art and reserve the right to present the claims in their prior unamended form in a continuing application.

Concluding Remarks

No amendment made herein was related to the statutory requirements of patentability but are made to make explicit in the claim body that which was already called out in the preamble. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested at an early date. If further matters remain to be resolved, the undersigned respectfully requests the

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